

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending. By this response, claims 1 and 7-13 are amended. Reconsideration and allowance based on the above amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 11 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Iwase (US 2002/0046247A1) in view of Kuwata (US 2003/0072031); claims 4-6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Kuwata and Petrogiannis (US 2002/0078159); claims 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Iwase and claims 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Petrogiannis in view of Kuwata. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

In embodiments of the present invention as defined by elements respective to independent claims 1 and 7-13 a user ID, password and directory are created by a server or as recited in some claims particular elements of the server. This user ID, password and directory are not created by the user himself or other individual, for example administrator. The server receives the transmitted data, for example, an email from a user and based on this received transmission creates the user ID, password and directory and associates them with the received email.

The Office Action relies upon Kuwata with regard to independent claims 1 and 11-13 and Iwase with regard to claim 7-10 to teach the creation of the user ID and password. Applicants respectfully submit that both Kuwata and Iwase fail to teach the features recited in independent claims 1 and 7-13 with regard to creation of a user ID, password and directory.

Regarding Kuwata, the Office Action asserts that Kuwata teaches at page 3, paragraph 49, lines 1-7, a login for a user where registered users enter a valid user ID and password/PIN. If the entered user ID and/or password are

invalid, the user is prompted to create an account and the user ID and password.

Kuwata teaches that the user creates the user ID and password. Kuwata does not teach or suggest a server or a specified element of the server creating the user ID and password and transmitting of the user ID and password to the user. Further, Kuwata fails to teach or suggest creating a directory along with the user ID and password associated with a specific mailing address.

Iwase also fails to teach the above features. Iwase teaches at paragraph 7 that during the construction of the mail information database as shown in FIG. 6, a user is required to enter a user ID and password provided to them. As shown in FIG. 6 this requires entering information into certain open fields in the database. This, in fact, presumes that the user already has possession of the user ID and password to input into the open fields. In many instances the user ID and password are provided by an administrator or other such individual. However, Iwase does not teach where the user obtains the user ID and password. Thus, Iwase does not teach or suggest a server or element of the server, creating a user ID, password and directory for a mail address. Iwase simply teaches inputting (reading) a password into a database where the user has possession of the user ID and password (already given to them).

Thus, Kuwata fails to teach or suggest the features of independent claims 1 and 11-13 for which it is relied upon as discussed above.

Further Iwase fails to teach the creation of a user ID and password as recited in independent claims 7-10 as required.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 7-13 are distinguishable over the cited references for the above reasons. Also, dependent claims 2-6 and 14-15 are distinguished from the cited references for

their reliance upon their respective independent claims as well as for the additional features they recite. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For at least the above reasons Applicants respectfully submit claims 1-15 are distinguishable over the cited art. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J. Billings Reg. No. 48,917 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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